### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NANTUCKET, ss		DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT DOCKET NO. 1888CR000598
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vs.	)	
KEVIN S. FOWLER		1

## MOTION TO EXCUSE DEFENDANT'S PRESENCE AT ARRAIGNMENT

The Defendant, Kevin S. Fowler, in the above entitled matter hereby moves, through counsel, that his physical presence at the arraignment scheduled for January 7, 2019, be excused.

In support of the within motion, the Defendant, through counsel states as follows:

- 1. Following the decision to issue the complaint, the issuing Clerk inquired of the parties whether the Defendant wished to waive his appearance at the arraignment.
- 2. As it appeared that counsel for both the Commonwealth and the Defendant agreed that a waiver was appropriate, the parties chose the January 7, 2019 arraignment date without regard to the defendant's schedule or the schedule of defendant's co-counsel.
- 3. Rule 18 of the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure speaks to a Defendant's right to be present at all critical stages of the proceeding but does not mandate the Defendant's presence at arraignment. The applicable rules do not deprive this Court of the discretion to excuse the Defendant's presence at arraignment nor do they deprive a Defendant who desires to waive his appearance at arraignment of the opportunity to seek the leave of court to do so.

- 4. This matter has already generated extraordinary interest from national and local print and television media outlets. The Defendant's attendance at the arraignment will only serve to heighten prejudicial media interest in the case and will increase the risk of contamination of the pool of jurors available for the trial.
- 5. The defendant submits the Affidavit attached as Exhibit "A" in support of the within motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 27, 2018

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 27, 2018, a true copy of this document was served upon the attorney of record for each other party by email and first class mail as follows:

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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KEVIN S. FOWLER

## AFFIDAVIT OF KEVIN S. FOWLER IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO WAIVE PRESENCE AT ARRAIGNMENT

I, Kevin S. Fowler, hereby swear and aver as follows:

- 1. I am the Defendant in the above referenced matter.
- 2. I am currently represented by privately retained counsel, Juliane Balliro, Esquire.
- 3. I am also requesting that Alan Jackson, Esquire be admitted to this Court, Pro Hac Vice so that he may also represent me in connection with this matter.
- I understand and acknowledge that I have a right to be physically present for my arraignment on January 7, 2019.
- 5. I would like to waive my right to be physically present at my arraignment.
- 6. I am requesting that this court excuse my physical presence at the arraignment as I reside outof-state and believe that my presence will amplify the negative publicity already generated in connection with this case.
- I understand and acknowledge that I have a right to have the charge pending against me be read in open court and I hereby waive the reading of the charge.

- 8. I understand that at arraignment the Court would advise me of any rights I may have under G.L.c. 111E, § 10; G.L.c. 123, § 15; or G.L.c. 221 § 91B. I hereby waive the reading of those rights.
- 9. I am over the age of 22 and I have not been offered mediation.
- 10. I wish to enter a plea of not guilty.
- 11. I will abide by all orders of the Court during the period of my pre-trial release, including any orders that I physically appear.
- 12. I understand that if I fail to appear and answer to the charges pending against me without sufficient excuse, I can be subject to a fine or imprisonment or both under G.L.c. 276, § 82A.

  SIGNED AND SWORN TO under the pains and penalties of perjury this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2018.

Kevin S. Fowle